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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION SEEKING SANCTION OF ISRAEL FOR JERUSALEM
EXCAVATIONS

REF: STATE 240797

1. EMBOFF REACHED MOFA AMERICAN DIVISION CHIEF SATURDAY MORNING AND CONVEYED LANGUAGE OF OPERATIVE PARA 3 OF RESOLUTION. EXPLAINED EMBASSY HAD URGENT INSTRUCTIONS TO INFORM GOT AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS THAT AMERICAN PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL SENTIMENT OVER PRESENT SANCTIONS LANGUAGE IS AT SUCH HIGH LEVEL THAT PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION IN PRESENT FORM MAY RISK FUTURE FULL USG SUPPORT FOR UNESCO AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

2. EMBOFF SAID IT APPEARED EFFORTS WOULD BE MADE TO REMOVE STRICT SANCTIONS LANGUAGE FROM RESOLUTION AND THAT USG STRONGLY HOPED ITS FRIENDS WOULD TAKE SECOND LOOK AT MATTER IN LIGHT OUR CONCERN. QUESTION WAS NOT, HE SAID, ONE OF DROPPING RESOLUTION BUT ONLY OF
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MODIFYING IT TO POINT OF WIDER ACCEPTABILITY.

3. MOFA OFFICER ASKED WHETHER RES LIKELY PASS IN
PRESENT FORM. EMBOFF SAID DEPARTMENT APPARENTLY
JUDGED THERE SOME POSSIBILITY ITS PASSAGE, IN VOTE
PROBABLY NOT LATER THAN NOVEMBER 4, BUT THAT SOFTENING
AMENDMENT COULD ALSO PASS IF FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS SO WISHED.

4. MOFA OFFICER SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY BRING
OUR CONCERN TO ATTENTION OF SENIOR MOFA OFFICIALS
AND INQUIRE RE POSSIBILITY OF SENDING NEW INSTRUCTIONS
TO GOT DELEGATION.
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